

**U.S. District Court  
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00840-TSC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 03/22/2024  
 Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan Date Terminated: 09/12/2024  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/22/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10775234) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of State, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/22/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/25/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (mg) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
03/25/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(mg) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
04/16/2024	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/27/2024. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/26/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/3/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/9/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/16/2024)

04/26/2024	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Bardo, John) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a Complaint and an Answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than June 7, 2024. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 4/26/24. (lce) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/29/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/7/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
06/07/2024	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 06/07/2024)
06/07/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall confer and file an additional joint status report on or before September 12, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter. To the extent the parties seek a change in the status quo, the status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/7/24. (lce) (Entered: 06/07/2024)
09/11/2024	<u>7</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/11/2024)
09/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>7</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, this case is hereby DISMISSED with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 9/11/24. (lce) (Entered: 09/11/2024)